*Covenants?*. This book is from the Bible Discovery series from NPH, the same series that published *Bible Basics*. The cost of the book is \$15. If you would like a book please speak with Pastor Ott.

**Monday Bible Class** will conclude its study of Colossians Monday at 7:00 a.m.

**Tuesday Bible Class** This week we will continue the five lesson series, *Forg-ing Our Church Into A Caring Committee*. Join us. We meet at 2:00 p.m. at church. Stop in before you pick up your child at school!

Naomi Circle & Bread For Life are cancelled for this month.

**Anniversary Service** Our first 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be Sunday, January 22. We will focus on "Celebrate God's Grace" in worship. The theme of the meal and activities after worship is *Fun in the Son*. Historical displays and anniversary mementoes will be available. Join us for a summer cookout. Please bring a dessert to share. There will be a contest for the best "Summer Attire." Use your imagination and join us!

- **Sign Up!** Please sign up and let us know how many brats and burgers you want for the meal on Jan. 22. Please make your best guess as soon as possible so we can order enough meat. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us and sign up for them also!. If you have any questions contact Denise Laabs or Nancy Pantzlaff. Sign up sheets are in the church basement, mother's room, and on the table by the office at school. Thanks!
- **Third Annual Men of His Word Conference** Join hundreds of your brothers in Christ as we share in Word and song and fellowship. More information is available online at www.menofhisword.org.
- **FVL Winterfest** will be Sunday, Jan. 29, 11:00 am 5:00 pm. Advance tickets are available in the school office for \$3. Tickets at the door are \$4; children 11 and under are free, 12 and over are free with a student ID or sports pass. You can contact Linda Sieker at 864-7307 if interested in helping. All proceeds from this event benefit the music programs of FVL.

MLHS Sunday is April 29 not January 29 as indicated in the newsletter.

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**Welcome!** We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. . Restrooms are located in the basement.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what he commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him.

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52 Thurs.) Service of the Word (p. 26 Sun.) Hymns: 770, 86, 283, 735

**Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

# First Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not

yet been revealed to him.

The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

And the LORD said to Samuel: "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears of it tingle. At that time I will carry out against Eli everything I spoke against his family—from beginning to end. For I told him that I would judge his family forever because of the sin he knew about; his sons made themselves contemptible, and he failed to restrain them. Therefore, I swore to the house of Eli, 'The guilt of Eli's house will never be atoned for by sacrifice or offering."

Samuel lay down until morning and then opened the doors of the house of the LORD. He was afraid to tell Eli the vision, but Eli called him and said, "Samuel, my son."

Samuel answered, "Here I am."

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67 (p. 91)

**Psalm Prayer**: Gracious and merciful God, fill our hearts with joy and confidence so that with all boldness we may proclaim the story of your salvation among all peoples of the earth to the praise of your great name; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

## Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

## Gospel: John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

### Sermon:

#### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

# Are You Listening?

## Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace

| Worship:    | 317 (20, 297) | <b>Communion</b> : 215 (12, 203)                 |
|-------------|---------------|--|
| Bible Study | y 83 (19, 25, | 19, 8, 12) Youth Study: 14                       |
| Sunday      | 10:00 a.m.    | Sunday School, church basement                   |
|             | 10:00 a.m.    | Voters Meeting, school                           |
|             | 7:00 p.m.     | Book Study, church                               |
| Monday      | 7:00 a.m.     | Bible Study, church                              |
|             | 7:00 p.m.     | Youth Group, commons                             |
| Tuesday     | 2:00 p.m.     | Bible Study, church                              |
| Wednesday   | 5:00 p.m.     | Bible History Class                              |
|             | 5:00 p.m.     | Confirmation Class                               |
|             | 8:00 p.m.     | Choir  |
| Thursday    | 7:30 p.m.     | 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship, communion |
| Sunday      | 8:00 a.m.     | Be My Witnesses Study, commons                   |
|             | 8:00 a.m.     | Adult Christ Light Study, church basement        |
|             | 9:00 a.m.     | 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Worship, communion |
|             | 10:00 a.m.    | Sunday School, church basement                   |
|             | 10:00 a.m.    | Historical Displays in the school                |
|             | 11:00 a.m.    | "Fun in the Son" Anniversary Dinner, school      |
|             | 7:00 p.m.     | Book Study, church                               |
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Voters Meeting will be after worship on Sunday in the school.

**NIV Daily Bibles** There are 22 NIV Daily Bible available for free! The signup sheet is in the basement. If you would like one, please sign up today. These Bibles are divided into 365 daily readings, a reading from the OT, the NT, and one from Psalms or Proverbs. The Bibles are a gift from the Otts.

**Commons Bible Class** We are studying, *Go, Be My Witnesses*. This ten lesson course from the book of Acts will motivate and equip us to share the Gospel with others. God has told you to always be ready to give an answer for the hop that you have. This class is the opportunity to get yourself ready

Adult Christ Light Class will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. We will look at *The Bronze Snake*.

The Book Study will meet this Sunday. We will discuss is One God—Two